FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0113; FRS 29286]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email <u>PRA@fcc.gov</u> and to <u>Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov</u>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the

information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0113.

Title: Form 2100, Schedule 396 – Broadcast Equal Employment Opportunity Program Report.

Form Number: FCC 2100, Schedule 396.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 2,960 respondents, 2,960 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 - 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: On renewal reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority which

covers this information collection is contained in Section 154(i) and 303 of the Communications

Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 4,336 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$666,000.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality with this collection

of information.

Needs and Uses: The Broadcast Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program Report, FCC

Form 2100, Schedule 396, is a device that is used to evaluate a licensee's EEO program to ensure

that satisfactory efforts are being made to comply with FCC's EEO requirements. Schedule 396 is

required to be filed at the time of renewal of license by all AM, FM, TV, Class A and Low Power

TV and International stations as well as Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service ("SDARS")

licensees. The recordkeeping requirements for FCC Form 2100, Schedule 396 are covered under

¹ In 1997, the Commission determined that SDARS licensees must comply with the Commission's EEO requirements. See Establishment of Rules and Policies for the Digital Audio Radio Satellite Service in the 2310–2360 MHz Frequency Band, 12 FCC Rcd 5754, 5791,) 91 (1997) ("1997 SDARS Order"), FCC 97-70. In 2008, the Commission clarified that SDARS licensees must comply with the Commission's EEO broadcast rules and policies, including the same recruitment, outreach, public file, website posting, record-keeping, reporting, and self-

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary,

Office of the Secretary.

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assessment obligations required of broadcast licensees, consistent with 47 CFR 73.2080, as well as any other Commission EEO policies. See Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses, SM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., Transferor, to Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., Transferee, 23 FCC Rcd 12348, 12426,) 174, and note 551 (2008) ("XM-Sirius Merger Order").